



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2 6 SEPTEMBER 2006

Report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership

Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/7

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Area Panel 2 budget allocation for 2006/7 is £23,292. The panel has an additional budget of £585 carried forward from 2005/6, which means that a total budget of £23,877 is available for allocation to projects during this financial year.
- 1.2 The Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel met on 7 August 2006 to appraise the applications against the agreed criteria. The purpose of the Appraisal Panel is to support the Area Panel to make decisions about whether to approve applications. Recommendations are based on the information provided by the applicants measured against the area panel funding criteria.

Applicant	Project	Ward	Funding requested	Officer advice
Derby Women's Centre	Personal development programme	All wards	£1,435	Partial Approval
Noel Baker Community School and Language College	Erection of allotment shed	Boulton and Chellaston	£922	Approve
Osmaston Community Association	Revamp after vandalism	Sinfin	£1,700	Partial Approval
Sinfin Moor Church	Footpath repairs	Sinfin	£2,000	Partial Approval
Total funding requested			£6,057	

- 1.3 A short summary of each project is attached to this report in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 The Council Constitution states that the Area Panels can 'use a delegated budget for local environmental and community purposes'. Therefore, if an application does not specifically refer to a local activity, consideration needs to be given to the appropriateness of allocating area panel funding to the project. In deciding whether to support each application, the area panel will assess the funding request against the funding criteria and its priorities.
- 1.5 The funding criteria states that applications need to provide a service in response to the needs of local residents and meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - improve access for local people to existing services
 - provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report
 - contribute to improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents

- assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting
- enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings.

Applications also need to:

- provide evidence of need for the application
- show evidence that ongoing maintenance or revenue costs have been approved by the relevant Council department, if necessary.

1.6 The priorities for supporting an application are that it:

- is from a voluntary or community group
- shows evidence of match funding or self help
- provides a service in response to the needs of local residents
- will directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel
- show evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding, if it is not a one-off project
- contributes to the delivery of one or more of the Council's corporate objectives.

1.7 **In most circumstances, the amount of funding that the area panel will award to an applicant will be between £50 and £2,000.**

However, the area panel does have the discretion to award more if it considers the application to be a priority for the area.

1.8 If the proposals are approved, the implications for the total budget for Area Panel 2 in 2006/7 will be:

Area Panel 2	
Budget for 2006/7	£23,292
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£585
Total available for 2006/7	£23,877
Total commitments to date	£7,500
Funds to be returned due to under spends on projects	£0
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£6,057
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£10,320

Alvaston Ward	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£146
Balance available for allocation in 2006/7	£5,969
Total commitments to date	£500
Total available for allocation	£5469
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£359
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£5,110

Boulton Ward	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£146
Balance available for allocation in 2006/7	£5,969
Total commitments to date	£500
Total available for allocation	£5469
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£820
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£4,649
Chellaston Ward	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£146
Balance available for allocation in 2006/7	£5,969
Total commitments to date	£3,000
Total available for allocation	£2,969
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£820
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	£2,149
Sinfin Ward	
Budget for 2006/7	£5,823
Total carried forward from 2005/6	£146
Balance available for allocation in 2006/7	£5,970
Total commitments to date	£3,500
Total available for allocation	£2,470
Sub total of proposals to consider in September 2006	£4,058
Budget remaining if proposals for September are approved	-£1,588

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and determine the applications for area panel funding.

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Background papers: Area Panel Budget allocation criteria, Application forms stored on file.

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Summary of implications
Appendix 2 – Summary of applications

Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 Area panels must consider priorities within the area when considering requests for funding. Not all requests that meet the criteria will be considered a priority. When supporting or rejecting an application over £25,000, Area Panel 2 must give reasons for its decision.

Legal

- 2.1 Area Panel 2 has delegated authority to use its budget for local environmental and community purposes.
- 2.2 Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 empowers the Council to offer grants to voluntary and other organisations to provide any recreational facilities.
- 2.3 Any decision involving the making of a grant or loan over £25,000 to any voluntary body is deemed to have a significant impact on two or more wards and is therefore a key decision.
- 2.4 After a key decision has been taken, the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services and Deputy Chief Executive must publish a record of every executive decision taken at that meeting within two days of that meeting. The record must include a statement of the reasons for each decision and any alternative options considered or rejected at the meeting. No action will be taken on any such decision for five clear days from the date of publication.

Personnel

- 3.1 None other than those included in the application forms.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 None other than those included in the application forms.

Corporate objectives and priorities

- 5.1 The provision of grants to community projects can contribute to the delivery of the Council's key objectives and priorities. The summary of each project in Appendix 2 includes an indication of how each one contributes.

Appendix 2

Applicant 1: Derby Women's Centre

Project: Personal Development Programme

Total cost of project: £1,603

Amount of funding requested: £1,435

Wards: All Area Panel 2 wards

Description

The Derby Women's Centre is a resource for all women in Derby, regardless of background, age or culture. Over 80% of the centre users are from the Normanton, Abbey, Arboretum wards. They aim to improve quality of life for women who are in need, hardship or distress. In order to do this it provides advice and information, and they have the quality mark. Last year over 4,900 women accessed the centre. 224 attended courses on Anger and Stress Management, assertiveness and self-protection. 59 women have expressed an interest in personal development.

They provide support sessions, counselling, therapies and courses, pregnancy testing, smoking cessation advice and a legal surgery. They facilitate support groups for Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse, and also run art classes for women with mental health problems.

This request for funding is to run a 12 week course of experimental learning and coaching including confident building, self protection, creative arts, listening and communication skills, The aim is to help women overcome obstacles to achieving their personal potential and to learn to keep themselves safe and to draw up a personal development plan and to provide signposting to accredited courses or help with CVs as a follow on. The project will enable women to be more positive and self confident and will assist with social and communication skills. It will also help them take more control and make informed decisions on issues that affect their lives. We will encourage out service users to access other activities within the centre.

The group held coffee morning to consult with centre users and local residents as to what courses they would find useful. This course will provide women with a Personal Development Plan. The courses will run as separate modules. On completion monitoring and evaluations will be carried out. A similar project has been undertaken and has just finished on behalf of Area Panel 3. This proved most successful and positive feedback from course participants, confirmed how they had benefited. It is on the basis of this that the centre wishes to extend this project to other areas and requests funding, 78 women are on the waiting list. They receive referrals from the Job Centre, Social Services, Mental Health and G.P.s

The funding would be used as detailed below:

£720.00	Tutor/Facilitator Fees for 36 people at £60 each
£260.00	Room Hire to include heating, lighting, cleaning
£148.00	Publicity materials, postage and stationary
£187.00	15% Management Costs
£120.00	Volunteer Expenses
£1,435	Total

The centre receives a grant from the Community Grants Budget to fund the salaries of the key workers at the centre and Lloyds TSB have provided funding for rental costs 2005/6. The group also received a grant from Area Panel 3 for £1400 to run a similar session in the area. In total funding received to date is £40,680

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel
<p>Partial approval. Due to limited area panel funding available, the potential for other organisations to contribute and the limited number of beneficiaries within the Area Panel 2 area.</p> <p>Additionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The applicant has not indicated whether any of the organisations that are stated as making referrals actually contribute towards costs. ▪ Derby Council provides core funding to this organisation of in excess of £40000 ▪ The project has limited sustainability as there is no indication of how future courses of this type will be funded. <p>The Panel may wish to consider funding elements of the costs of this project, e.g. the tutor costs (£720.00) or room hire costs (£260.00) (for an Area Panel 2 venue) only.</p>

Area Panel funding criteria	
The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:	
Improve access for local people to existing services.	✓
Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report or at an area panel.	
Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents	
Assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting.	
Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings	✓

Area Panel funding priorities	
Community or voluntary group	✓
Shows evidence of match funding or self help	✓
Provides a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
Directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel	✓
Evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding	✓
Contributes to the delivery of one or more of the objectives or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Applicant 2: Noel Baker Community School and Language College

Project: Erection of allotment shed

Total cost of project: £922

Amount of funding requested: £922

Wards: Boulton and Chellaston

Description

The school are requesting a grant of £922 for the purchase of a new allotment shed, and associated erection costs. The organisation will involve the technology for life group of students in laying a concrete base using approximately 1m³ of concrete. This will involve using two tonnes of 20mm ballast and 12 bags of cement. This will be an excellent practical learning experience for them. A 10x8 concrete store shed would be purchased with a steel roof and steel door and no window to provide a secure lockable environment. The cost includes erection by the company chosen.

The school has introduced allotment studies onto the Year 10 and 11 curriculum. This will combine theory work with practical experience at Field Lane. The organisation need a secure lockable shed so that they can leave all tools and equipment somewhere safe. Initially the project would benefit a group of ten year 10 students and two year 11 students but increasing numbers as more allotment groups join in the following years. The allotment will provide a fantastic learning environment for students.

The funding would be used as detailed below:

£826.00	Shed with steel roof and door
£96.00	Materials for concrete base
£922.00	Total

It is hoped that the students could use skills that they have learnt on the allotment to maybe help older or vulnerable local residents to look after their gardens by weeding, cutting hedges etc. This would also give them a stake in the local community and help to promote the good name of the school.

The allotment society is helping the group by letting them have the plots rent free for the first year and also providing lots of help and advice.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Approve in full

The project's beneficiaries live primarily within the Area Panel 2 area.

Linkages with the Allotment Society will contribute towards the project's sustainability as will the commitment of the school towards utilising the shed as part of the curriculum resources.

The Area Panel may wish to impose a condition that the school undertake to maintain and replace the shed out of school resources before payment of the grant.

Area Panel funding criteria

The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:	
Improve access for local people to existing services.	✓
Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report or at an area panel.	

Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents	
Assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting.	
Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings	✓

Area Panel funding priorities	
Community or voluntary group	
Shows evidence of match funding or self help	
Provides a service in response to the needs of local residents	
Directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel	✓
Evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding	
Contributes to the delivery of one or more of the objectives or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Applicant 3: Osmaston Community Association

Project: Revamp After Vandalisation

Total cost of project: £2,100

Amount of funding requested: £1,700

Wards: Sinfin

Description

The Osmaston Community Association has been running in the area for 26 years. 18 months ago the Osmaston Community Association redesigned the outside bank area of 45 Varley Street for the purpose of extending the usage of the premises i.e. providing a crèche, meeting and seating and outside play area etc. Unfortunately, two young persons thought that it would be fun to vandalise it. The culprits have been prosecuted but because of their financial circumstances we were unable to recoup any of the costs. This grant would enable the group to refurbish the project which was running earlier in the year.

The funding would be used as detailed below:

Roofing materials	£900
Replacing electrical connections, lights, ext sockets	£300
Labour	£300
Security	£200

The additional costs would be met by the Osmaston Community Association.

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Partially approve. Due to limited area panel funding availability and the availability of other funding for security measures.
The Area Panel may wish to consider funding an element of the project, e.g. roofing materials (£900) or Replacing electrical connections, lights, ext sockets & Labour (£600)
The Association have not indicated:

- that what they are providing their funding of £400 for,
- how the project will ensure a repetition of the vandalism,
- what security advice they have sought to prevent a repetition.

Area Panel funding criteria

The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:	
Improve access for local people to existing services.	✓
Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report or at an area panel.	
Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents	
Assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting.	
Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings	✓

Area Panel funding priorities

Community or voluntary group	✓
Shows evidence of match funding or self help	✓

Provides a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
Directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel	✓
Evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding	
Contributes to the delivery of one or more of the objectives or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Applicant 3: Sinfin Moor Church

Project: Footpath Repairs

Total cost of project: £8000 approx

Amount of funding requested: £2000

Wards: Sinfin

Description - deferred from last meeting.

The Church is an Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed Partnership. The church is used extensively through the week by both the church and outside organizations e.g. Footlights Stage School, Asian Men's Over 60's group, Parent and Toddler, live at home scheme, Uniformed Groups - cubs, brownies, beavers - church services – two every Sunday and special as required e.g. weddings, funerals etc.

The Church want to replace existing paving slabs with a terraced area for parking and provide two extra parking spaces.

The existing slabs are cracked and uneven. The Church state that with so many people using the paths, many of which are elderly, there is a need to make access and egress as safe as possible.

An application for grant has also been made to Garfield Weston Foundation.

The paths will then be maintained by the church.

The Church have provided a letter indicating that the project has the support of the Church Council. The letter goes on to state that the Council has the responsibility of maintaining the fabric of the Church and will be required to replace the whole roof within the next 5 years, hence the need to seek external funding.

The Church Council have committed to fund raising to fund any shortfall but ask for a generous allocation to recognise their situation.

Activity or item	Cost (Approx)
Area 1 – Remove existing slabs included extended grassed area, lay sub base, set 6" concrete edging where required, shape stone to correct levels, lay and roll tarmac to a level of 50mm, lay a tarmac wearing to depth of 30mm. All debris removed from site.	£3895
Area 2 – Provide 2 extra parking spaces parallel to existing garage, prepare and replace remaining slabs - as above	£1485
Area 3 – Replace existing single path – the remaining sides of the Church	£3495
Total	£8875

Suggested recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel

Partially approve. Due to limited Area Panel funding availability.

This application has been deferred twice.

The Area Panel may wish to consider funding part of the work in Area 1 above, which will provide maximum benefit to residents of the area generally, help to ensure continuing use of the building for the wider community and address the safety issues of broken and uneven paving stones highlighted in a letter to the Area Panel Manager dated 2nd August 2006..

However the Area Panel should consider that the funds available for the Sinfin ward are insufficient to fund all of this work.

Area Panel funding criteria

The application must provide a service in response to the needs of local residents	✓
In addition, the application must meet at least one of the following:	
Improve access for local people to existing services.	✓
Provide a service in response to an issue raised in a community update report or at an area panel.	
Contribute to environmental improvements which will provide a benefit to local residents	
Assist in providing an integrated service in response to an issue raised at an area panel meeting.	
Enable residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings	✓

Area Panel funding priorities	
Community or voluntary group	
Shows evidence of match funding or self help	
Provides a service in response to the needs of local residents	
Directly benefit people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel	✓
Evidence of how the project will be sustained beyond the period of funding	
Contributes to the delivery of one or more of the objectives or priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan	✓

Appendix 3

AREA PANEL 2 FUNDING APPROVALS 2006/07						
Area Panel Budget for 2006/7				£23,292		
Budget carried forward from 2005/6				£585		
Total budget available for allocation in 2006/7				£23,877		
Total budget allocated in 2006/7						
Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount approved	Date approval given	Grant paid	Ward
126 (City of Derby) Squadron	Land rover	£2,000	£1,000	14 June 2006		All wards equally
AIMES	Sinfin newsletter	£1,900	£500	14 June 2006		Sinfin
Chellaston Bowls Club	Building Renewal Fund	£1,500	£1,500	14 June 2006		Chellaston
Chellaston Residents Association	Chellaston Recreation Action Group – youth shelter	£5,000	£1,000	14 June 2006		Chellaston
OPPRA	Osmaston Park Family Fun Day	£3,000	£1,500	14 June 2006		All wards (Sinfin £750 + £250 for each other ward)
Sinfin Primary School	Provision of steel pans	£3,000	£2,000	14 June 2006		Sinfin